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a vehicle bodywork;

a body having a first layer and a second layer, said first layer being of a thermoformable synthetic cellular material so as to rigidify a shape of the cover;

a retaining means for retaining said body on said bodywork, said retaining means comprising a thin portion extending from one edge of said body, said thin portion being permanently affixed to said bodywork so as to be in hinged relationship to said body; and

a fixing means for fixing said body to said bodywork, said fixing means for releasing from said bodywork when the retaining device is actuated such that the retaining device inflates without tearing said body, said second layer being secured to said fixing means, said fixing means comprising a first strip of hook-and-loop material and a second strip of hook-and-loop material complementary to one another and detachably engaged with one another, one of said first and second strips being secured to said body, the other of said first and second strips being secured to said bodywork.

12. The apparatus of Claim 11, said body having an embellishment sheet extending thereover.

13. The apparatus of Claim 11, said fixing means being affixed adjacent peripheral edges of said body.

14. An air bag assembly for a vehicle comprising:  
an air bag;

a bodywork having a housing, said housing receiving said air bag therein; and

a cover means affixed to said bodywork and covering said air bag, said cover means comprising a body having a fixing edge permanently secured to said bodywork, said body having a retaining edge detachably secured to said bodywork, said body further comprising complementary strips of hook-and-loop material engaged together, one of said complementary strips affixed to said body, the other of said complementary strips secured to said body work, said cover means for releasing from said bodywork when air bag is activated so as to release the inflated air bag from said housing without a tearing of said body.

15. The air bag assembly of Claim 14, said bodywork comprising a distance piece positioned in said housing, said distance piece having one end affixed to said body work and another end adjacent said retaining edge of said body, said retaining edge releasably affixed to said another end.

16. The air bag assembly of Claim 13, said body having a formed zone cooperatively received within a facing formed zone on said bodywork.

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REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendments, original Claims 1 - 10 and new Claims 11 - 16 have been substituted therefor. Reconsideration of the rejections, in light of the foregoing amendments and present remarks, is respectfully requested. The present amendments have been entered for the purpose of distinguishing the present invention from the prior art and for the purpose of placing the claim language into a more proper U.S. format.